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Easter week comes early

Andrea Villarreal
ALMAGEST

If your spring break was not too wild, maybe you can remember the week before. It was Resurrection Week at LSUS. The Baptist Student Union, in conjunction with Chi Alpha, sponsored the activities that took place.

The idea of Resurrection Week comes from A&M University. Hundreds of students participate in the activities that observe this spiritual time. According to Keith Reed, president of the LSUS chapter of the Baptist Student Union, the activities that took place served mainly to remind people about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, hence, its placement on the week before Easter.

On Tuesday, March 23, during the common hour, the organizations performed a skit re-enacting the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Brad May, a sophomore accounting major, observed the skit and said it was both a fulfilling and symbolic event.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday prayer services were held in the University Theater. The service on Wednesday seemed to be the most anticipated. More than 35 people attended the service. Members of the Baptist Student Union and Chi Alpha, LSUS students, and local high school students and adults enthusiastically participated in the service. The youth group from Salem Baptist Church called S.W.A.T., performed

dramatic skits. For example, one skit was symbolic of how people are spiritually blinded by things in life, like partying too much. The moral was that all you have to do to see is trust in God.

A praise and worship band called Generation Christ provided music that lifted up the Lord's name. The band, made up in part by LSUS students Billy Flowers (drums) and Grey Schuler (bass), played several of their own divinely inspired songs. A guest speaker then took the stage. John Opie, who is a former gang member, motivated the audience with his personal experiences and how God changed his life. He advised the audience to "man the richness God gave you."

Spring Fling Schedule

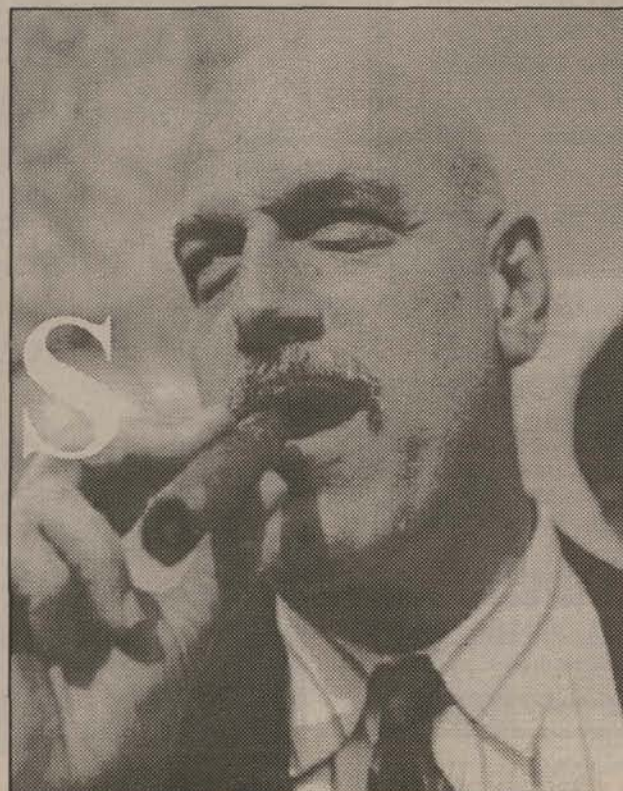
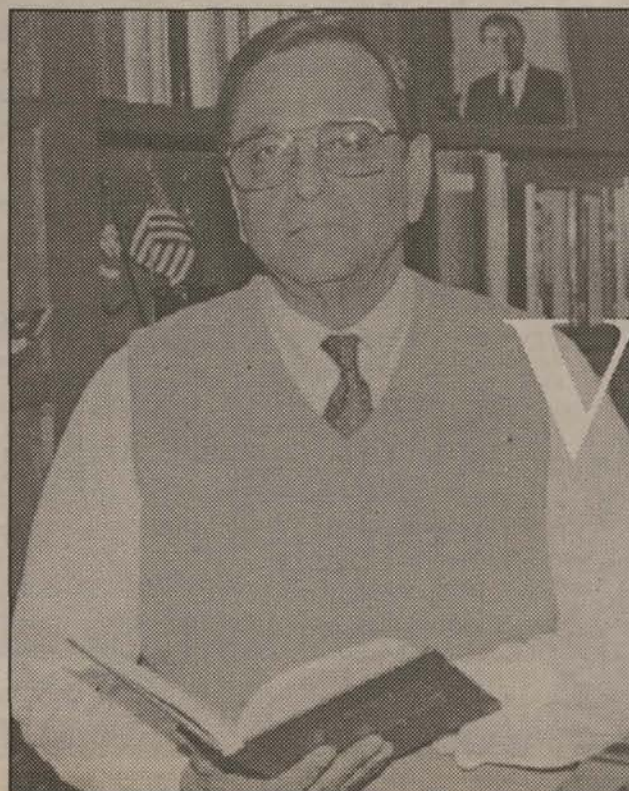
Wednesday:

- 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. - Virtual Reality
- 7 p.m. - Drive in Movie
"The Fifth Element"
(Bring food and blankets)

Thursday:

- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Interactive Videos (choose your own song and make your own video)
Video Imaging (pose in a picture with your favorite stars)
Virtual Reality
- 10 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. - R&B Band
- 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. - Laser Tag
Bungee Run
Jousting
Boxing
- 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Jay-C (music)
- 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - In-Thyme (Reggae)
- 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. - Down Cast (music)
- 7:30 - Comedy of Gary Owen and Chocolate

LSUS-Mania '99: Marsala vs. The Body



Sunday! Sunday! Sunday!

See Vince "Da Chancellor" Marsala take on the honorable Minnesota Governor Jesse "The Body" Ventura in a no-holds-barred fight to the death grudge match. Parking will be validated by LSUS campus police.

Happy April Fool's. Yeah, we know it is a week late, but at least once a year, *the Almagest* puts out an Almajoke issue.

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Decline in student support could affect LSUS Spring Fling

Kathleen McNelis
ALMAGEST

Lack of student participation with Student Activity Board events places a great concern on this year's Spring Fling. For two days, April 14 and 15, the student body has an opportunity to enjoy old and new friends, eat good food, and partake on the events planned. Angela Gonzales, freshman, thinks "they are a good opportunity to socialize with classmates." However, the gradual decline in student participation this semester makes many weary of the possible turn-out for the big event. So, how do the SAB members feel about this situation, and what do

they need to get the events not only attended, but happening.

"The greatest part of this organization," says David McCart, Special Events Coordinator for SAB, "is figuring out what people like and what will get people to come." However, deciding on what the people want has been greatly waned when surveys are not returned, says Bert Harper, Film and Lecture Chair for SAB. Absent of the student body's opinions, the group must then move forward on internal decisions. Many people may not agree or appreciate their decisions, but without any written opinions on the events, it is hard to decipher what will

make LSU-S students happy.

The Student Activities Board works to provide the campus with entertaining, as well as valuable experiences. Whether it is a comedy show or Virtual Theater, they are all opportunities provided for the student body to explore and enjoy the college experience. Cassie Nelson, freshman, believes the events "make campus life more interesting." With Spring Fling, Casino Night and several other events, the Student Activities Board is going to make April an enjoyable month "It is about to blow up!" says Shane Hanes, "It is going to be a blast." They hope to see you there!



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Fall semester to offer first on-line classes

Brian Rogers
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Dr. Merrill Knighton, dean of liberal arts, said in an interview Tuesday, April 6, that LSUS is taking steps to become an online virtual university of the future. "I expect the first of our online courses to be offered this fall," he said.

"This means that LSUS students can take courses online taught by LSUS professors for LSUS credit hours," Knighton said. A benefit of this system is that students who unexpectedly have to move when they are close to graduating can complete their require-



Dr. Merrill Knighton

ments wherever they go, with access to the Internet.

Students will pay out-of-state tuition for the Internet courses.

LSUS is working with the division of independent studies at LSU Baton Rouge to transform the real mail correspondence classes which are

now offered into a system of e-mail, list serves, and bulletin boards.

Virtual universities can offer many classes set within different time frames. This system is known as an asynchronous learning network(ASL), and it means that previously fixed schedules will be negotiable.

LSUS will be offering its new master's degree, MS Human Services Administration, online in the fall. Knighton said that he hopes students will soon be able to access both credit and non-credit courses, worldwide.



Stay tuned for
Spring Invasion Week
April 13-16

Apr. 13: The Gong Show--
\$200 Grand prize
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Apr. 14: Spring Fling
6-10 pm UC Mall
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ALL THE LSUS PEOPLE

By Genna Angyles
ALMAGEST

Name: Gloria Raines
Job Title: Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs
Place of Birth: Linden, Alabama
Currently Lives In: Shreveport



Dr. Gloria Raines

Dr. Raines is a vice chancellor of student affairs. This department supports the students with the activities outside their classrooms. She enjoys living in the South. She does not like the cold weather but finds the openness and friendliness of the people in the South enjoyable.

She has worked here at Louisiana State University, Shreveport for the past sixteen years. She was born in Linden, Alabama, and attended college at Livingston University. Soon after that she attended University of Alabama. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Livingstone. Then she acquired her Master of Arts degree and her PhD in administration from the University of Alabama.

When she is not working, she is with her husband, Henry and their daughter, Jan. She enjoys her work, and all the students here.

Letter to the Editor:

Most of us have heard of the acronym of WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?). This saying conveys the simple meaning - to conduct your life according to teachings of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Some consider Jesus to be a philosopher, a prophet or the Messiah. This is not a debate on whom Jesus was but what was his message in the respect as you would want them to treat you.

I have been incredulous and appalled with the driving and traffic habits of people in the Shreveport-Bossier area. I have lived and driven in several states in this great union of ours and NO WHERE have I had to drive so defensive. No wonder car insurance is so expensive in this state. YOU GUYS ARE CRAZY, OUT OF CONTROL, DEMONIC, and NEED THERAPY.

This area is classified as the Bible Belt of the South with Shreveport being the buckle of the belt that holds it together. Which to me translates to a God fearing and respecting area. Why is it that once you enter into a vehicle you are transformed into a demonic, Jeckel and Hyde. A person of the mind set of GET THE HE-- OUT OF MY WAY YOU #\$%& ? Is there a secret rule that it is acceptable to drive 10-15 m.p.h. over the speed limit as long as a law enforcement officer is not present? Do you totally forget that you have turn signals and should use them? Turn signals are those little blinky lights that let other drivers know in which direction you desire to turn.

Do you really have to get there thirty seconds earlier? The posted driving speed on campus is 25 m.p.h. Please don't treat the "circle" around campus as the INDY 500. As you sit in your car and are "driving" please ask yourself "HWJD" or "How Would Jesus Drive?"

Dr. Beverly Burden
Faculty

Classrooms offer learning network

Amanda Ellis
ALMAGEST

Gov. Mike Foster and the Louisiana Board of Regents held a news conference Tuesday, March 23, to introduce a new statewide distance learning network that is available through compressed video classrooms. Such classrooms were created in 22 Louisiana state colleges and universities, including LSUS (BE building, Room 106).

By way of the new compressed video classroom, all schools involved were able to "virtually" attend Gov. Foster's news conference in Baton Rouge, as well as

receive statements from around the state about the new distance learning network.

The focus of the network is to provide interactive and simultaneous statewide educational programs in order to improve access to information and increase opportunities for the schools involved.

The board of regents provided the funds to create these classrooms and will also aid LSUS by funding a portion of the line charges for the next three years. LSUS also received a grant of \$10,000 from the Louisiana Consortium of Insurance and Financial Services to remodel and furnish the classroom.

Letters Policy

The Almagest requests your reactions through Letters to the Editor. Letters should be typed and double spaced. Please include your class and major field of study.

Letters should be submitted to *The Almagest* office, BH 344, by noon on the Friday preceding the Thursday publication date. Obscene, libelous and anonymous letters will not be printed.

The Almagest reserves the right to edit letters.

Area college brings Shakespeare to life

G. K. Trusty, Jr.
Almagest

"The Tempest" by William Shakespeare will open at Marjorie Lyons Playhouse on Thursday, April 8 for a two week run. "The Tempest" was William Shakespeare's last play and is considered in

the group of his plays classified as "Romantic."

The play tells of Prospero, a former ruler who, with his daughter Miranda had been sent to sea to be destroyed. After many years Prospero has acquired much knowledge and magic that he uses to start a tempest that ship-

wrecks his enemies. The play unravels the various situations, creating romance, attempted murder and numerous intrigues.

Director, Robert Buseick, with set and light design by Don Hooper and costume design by Patric McWilliams will bring this classic and beautiful play to

the stage of the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse, April 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 at 8 p.m. and April 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens, \$7.50 for students and \$5.00 for children twelve and under. The box office opened April 1. It's hours are Noon until 4 p.m. daily. Call 869-5242

for reservations.

A special and new addition to Marjorie Lyons Playhouse productions will be dinner and theatre for \$20.00 on Friday, April 9 and Friday April 16 at the South Dining Hall (directly behind the theatre) catered by Sodexo Marriott Catering.

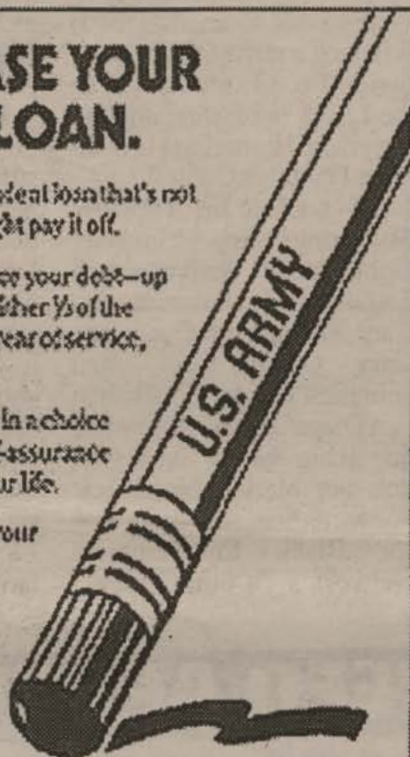
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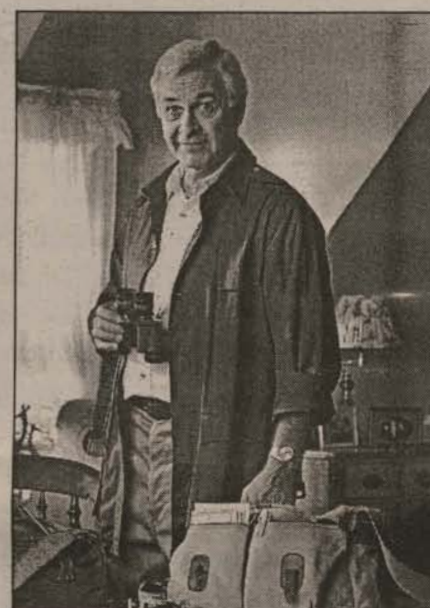
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Big names attending SPJ news conference

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LSUS will be encountering some very influential people on April 16. Mayor Keith Hightower and Caddo Sheriff Don Hathaway are just two of the big names, from around the area, that will be apart of the 1999 *Reverse This* news conference. The event is being hosted by the LSUS Society of Professional Journalists.

This type of news conference is called a reverse news conference. The purpose of this event is to allow area media personalities to experience what it feels like to be drilled by uncomfortable questions everyday.

The conference will at

the UC Theater this next Friday at 11 a.m.

The media personalities that will be on hand will be: Tim Fletcher, KTAL; Frank May, The Times; Doug Fernandez, KTBS; Hal Bundrick, The Forum; Abe Levy, The Times; Lisa Roland, The Times.

Other public figures beside the mayor and sheriff will be: Daniel Robinson, general manager of the Shreveport Captains; Preston Friedley, Shreveport Tourism Bureau; Ginger Armstrong, Caddo Parish School Board; Shari Warren, Horseshoe Casino; and Dr. Jack Nolan, LSU-S; and Joe Fertitta, Line Avenue Merchants Association.

Come and see what the media does when they are the ones in the hot seat.

Spring Fling gets futuristic

Lindsey Fertitta
ALMAGEST

Student Activities is providing LSUS students with several activities during the week of April 12-16.

The week is starting off with a bang with the first annual **Gong Show** on April 13. To be considered as a contestant, you must first audition from 3-9 p.m. in the Student Activities office on April 8. There will be four top prizes given to the winners of the **Gong Show**: first place \$200, second place \$150, third place \$100, and fourth place receives a limo ride. Spots are still available for starry eyed students. Judges will be area personalities, including LSUS' own Vice Chancellor Dr. Raines.

This year spring invades LSUS. What does that mean, "Spring Invasion '99" is the great send off to the world as we know it and a leap into the new millennium. There will be a futuristic theme this year. Rumor has it that some "out

of this world guests" will invade the campus. For a complete schedule of this year's Spring Fling, check out the schedule on page one. This years attractions will consist of more than the carnival food normally served every year by student organizations. Health and Physical Education Club (HPE Club) is hosting a Sand Beach Volleyball Game and a Bench Press Competition, Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) is having a raffle to give away two gift certificates to use in the LSUS bookstore, and the American Humanities is hosting a Hot Legs Contest.

To conclude the festivities of Spring Fling, Thursday night Student Activities will host a comedy show featuring Gary Owen and Chocolate. Gary Owen was voted "Funniest Black Comedian in San Diego" except there's just one thing wrong with that, he's not black. He is best known as being the white host for Black Entertainment Network's "Comic View."

Chocolate brings a rare thing to comedy these days, she uses no curse words in her act. The event is free to LSUS students and \$5 for non-students.

Don't bet the week's fun ends in craps; well, actually it does. **Casino Night** tops off the weeks activities. Luck be a lady tonight, **Casino Night** offers fun games like craps, roulette, blackjack, and a money wheel and cool prizes including a TV, VCR, Boom Box with CD player, and gift certificates to area businesses.

Lori Korman, director of Student Activities reminds all student organizations who have not turned in applications to do so by 4 p.m. this Friday. Organizations planning to serve food must be sure that no other organization is serving the same choice. Booths using propane must provide their own fire extinguishers and all booths must provide their own extension cords. Contact David McCart at 797-5393 if you have questions.

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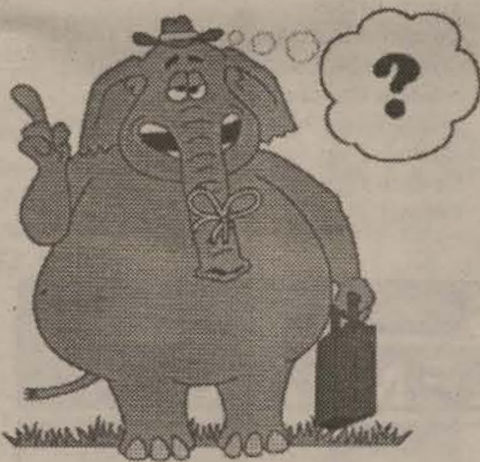
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RSVP for SOC Banquet, Apr. 16

April 12:
SOC ANNUAL REPORTS
Advisor of the Year applications
Student Leader of the Year apps.
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See Student Activities for details...



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Activities: Speakers, Networking, Scholarships, Volunteer Tax Assistance, Campus Activities
Contact: Accounting dept., college of business

ACJS/Lambda Alpha Epsilon

Meets: 1st and 3rd Tues of each month.
Activities: Various community activities, speakers on law enforcement ops.
Contact: Dr. Bernadette Palombo 797-5343, or Richard Georgia 797-5078.

ACM, Association for Computing Machinery

Meets: 3rd Thu of each month, 10:30, in SC210. Activities: speakers, contests, social activities. Contact: Steve Noonan, 949-2831
AITP, Association of Information and Technical Professionals
Meets: 3rd Thu of each month, 10:30, in SC120. Activities: speakers, scholarships, social activities. Contact: Rebecca Herzog 861-6460

American Humanics

Meets: First Thursday of every month, at 10:30 a.m. in Bronson Hall 355.
Activities: Certification of students working in non-profits.
Contact: Norman Dolch 797-5235

Baptist Student Union

Meets every Wed. at noon and Thurs. at 7 p.m. in the BSU. Activities: Bible Studies, luncheons, community service, social events. Contacts: Ashley Cagle or Keith Reed, 797-1946

Bacchus

Meets: Twice a month, BE 211. Activities: Sponsor of "Alcohol Awareness Week" and "National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week"; Mocktail "Happy" Hours. Contact: Jennifer Medina 795-3391

Biology Club

Meets: Twice a month, SC228. Activities: social activities, career seminars, fundraisers, community and campus service projects.
Contact: Dr. Beverly Burden, 797-5088, bburden@pilot.lsus.edu

Campus Ministry

Meets: 1st and 3rd Tues., 10:30 a.m., UC Pilots Room
Activities: devotionals, programs, service projects
Contact: Toni Bishop, 798-8837 or Betsy Eaves, 869-5024

Catholic Student Union

Meets: Twice a month
Activities: Community service, social events, fundraisers
Contact: Joseph Holubek 868-6104

Chemistry Club

Meets: 1st Thurs. of each month
Activities: group
Contact: Dr. Gustavson, 797-5091

Chi Alpha

Meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in U.C. Activities: Dramas, community service, social events
Contact: Kelly Honey, 635-0710

Colleagues

Meets: twice a month, TBA Activities: community service, social activities, campus service projects, raising funds for a minority scholarship. Contact DeWayne Patterway at 631-9391 or 635-5686

Drama Club

Meets: Tues., Thurs., 10:30 a.m., BH330
Activities: Dramatic production, first hand information on auditions in local productions, volunteer work
Contact: Jorgi Jarzabek, 797-5228

English Club

Meets: 3rd Thurs. of each month
Activities: Booksale, guest speakers, social activities
Contact: Dr. Thomas Dubose, BH 251, or Patty Lenox, 869-3251

Golden Z Club

Meets: 2nd Tue of each month, 10:30.
Activities: volunteer work, tutoring, community projects. Contact: Timothy Chia, 795-3372

Health and Physical Ed. Club

Meets: Tues, Thurs. 10:30 a.m.
Activities: Almost Anything Goes for LSUS, judge field days for elementary schools.
Contact: Maxie Foster, 797-7294

History Club

Meets: First Tuesday of each month, at 10:30 a.m. in BH 446.
Activities: Annual LSUS History Fair, Pioneer Heritage Center, Trips in the Field, Research Seminars, and History Stuff.
Contact Dr. Milton Finley, 797-5337 or Gary Joiner 797-4176.

International Club

Meets: 1st Thurs. of each month, 10:30 a.m., in BH236 (Foreign Language Multimedia Lab)
Activities: Guest speakers, films, travel and foreign exchange information, International Food Festival, community service.
Contact: Joe Patrick, 797-5390

Japanese Cultural Society

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tues of each month
Activities: demonstrations, discussions
Contact: Emi Wamsley, 861-7482, BH238, BH240

Louisiana Association of Educators, LAESP

Meets: 3rd Thurs. of each month
Activities: Student teacher tea, speakers, book-fair, workshops, and service projects
Contact: Melissa Jones, 746-0597, or LAESP@yahoo.com

Math Club

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tues. of each month, 10:30 a.m., BH 421
Activities: Group activities, Science Olympiad, Viro-Wars Tournament
Contact: Julien Doucet, 797-5331
jdoucet@pilot.lsus.edu or David Fletcher, Dave228@yahoo.com

MBA Association

Meets: Once a month
Activities: seminars with guest speakers on career planning and resume writing, social activities
Contact: Director of Graduate Studies, College of Business

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

Activities: It is an inter-faith, interracial, non-partism, social action group.
Contact: Angela Holmes at Email: Aholmes@studentmail.lsus.edu.

Psychology Club

Meets: 1st and 3rd Thurs. Monthly, 10:30, BE342
Activities: Community service, social events, speakers, fundraisers
Contact: Diane at 797-0015 or Dr. Jimmie Smith at 797-5048

Public Relations Student Society of America

Meets: Monthly, Thurs., 10:30a.m.
Activities: Volunteer work, contact with PRSA, seminars, speakers, workshops
Contact: Jaime Lyons

Rotorac

Meets: Two meetings per month
Activities: Students service organization, one service project per semester, luncheons

Contact: Dr. Paul Merkle, 797-5240

Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi

Meets: TBA
Activities: guest speakers on topics of the field related to journalism, socials
Contact: Lindsey Fertitta, 797-5328

Society for Resource Management

Meets: BE104. Activities: speaker meetings, prof. Chapter Meetings, various activities.

Contact: Eric Gates, 797-9798

Students for Free Enterprise (SIFE)

Meets: Thu, 10:30.. Activities: Teaching Junior achievement. Contact: Dr. Chadwick 742-9357

Sociology/Social Work Club

Meets: BH361
Contact: Ms. Kenna Franklin or David O'Neal, 424-7332

Student Government Association

Meets: Every Mon, 6:30 p.m., DeSoto Room
Open to everyone.
Contact: Nick Crafts. 797-5342

Join SAB Today

Meetings: Every Thursday At 10:30am in UC 229

Remember these upcoming events:

Talent Show: Win Up To \$200!
Entry Forms in UC 232 or Call 797-5393 or 798-4103
Apr. 13 at 7:30pm
UC Theater

Spring Fling Apr. 14/15: Sign Up Sheets in UC 229
Featuring Laser Tag and Virtual Reality
6-10pm Apr. 14
10-2pm Apr. 15

Tues. Night Unplugged: Comedian Elvira Kurt
Apr. 20 at 7:30pm
UC Ballroom

Spencers: Magic and Illusions
Fun For The Whole Family!
Apr. 27 at 7:30am
UC Theater

Pre-Cram Jam '99 (Free Food Extravaganza)
May 4 at 10:30am until 2:00pm
UC Mall

All Events Are Free To LSUS Students

CAMPUS CALENDAR

April:

8th — Hawaiian Luau at 7:30 p.m. in the U.C. Lobby

10th — Pilots' Baseball: Jarvis Christian College at 1 p.m. (home)

11th — Pilots' Baseball: Paul Quinn College at 1 p.m. (home)

13th — Networking your way to the job you want, U.C., Red River Room at 10:30 a.m.

13th — LSUS Talent Show, at 7:30 p.m. in the U.C. Theater